

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Applicant takes notice that the Examiner has not objected to the drawings submitted with this application.
2. Priority: Examiner suggests that the present application should reference a prior filed application, by the same inventor, having serial number 10/006,345 and should claim relationship thereto. However, the '345 application had already issued as patent no. U.S. 6523580 on 2/25/03, prior to the filing date of the present application on 8/12/03. Therefore, the '345 application was not a related application at the time of the present filing and was thus ineligible to be so recorded as such in the disclosure. The related applications paragraph has been amended to now include serial numbers and patent numbers, as requested by the Examiner.
3. Claim status: claims 1-15 are pending in this application, while claims 2, 5 and 13 are hereby cancelled as shown above, and claims 1, 6 and 10 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §102 by Takeuchi '673 as well as under 35 USC §103(a) by Takeuchi and Elkin '396 by the incorporation of allowable matter from claim 5, so as to place claims 1, 3, 4, 6-12 and 14 and 15 into condition for allowance. New claim 16 has been added into the application and is also in condition for allowance for reciting the placement of second containers below a driveway in the stationary apparatus; subject matter not found in the prior art. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.
4. This application now contains no more than three independent claims and no more than 20 total claims.

Respectfully submitted,

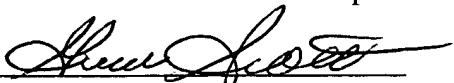


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